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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PEPR, PBOR, ET, US

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL EMISSARY

REF: ADDIS 0760

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FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 040059 ACTION ADDIS ABABA 15 FEB 78

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